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Red Ships Due Off U.S. Coast Seeking Data

MIAMI, Sept. 4 (UPI)—Soviet "research" vessels can be expected off the Florida, Louisiana and Texas coasts in coming months probing for data on currents and temperatures vital to submarine operations, a Cuban exile group warned yesterday.

The Revolutionary Student Directorate said a just-launched Soviet-Cuban "oceanography expedition" will range the Caribbean as far south as the Panama Canal and up the Gulf of Mexico "along the entire west coast of Florida to Pensacola" where the U. S. naval air station is located.

Object of the expedition is to gather data that will enable Russian submarines "to lie undetected by sonar and other devices," the exile group reported. At least 250 Soviet personnel and four Russian ships were reported to be participating."